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ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND  
FOLLOW-UP TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE  

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and  
rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region  

Draft decision submitted by the Gambia

The Governing Council,

Considering that the nature and magnitude of the needs of the countries of the  
Sudano-Sahelian region, which are among the least developed countries, make it  
necessary for the international community to continue to strengthen its action of  
solidarity in support of the recovery and rehabilitation efforts, and of the  
economic development of those countries,

Expressing its deep concern over the severe living conditions of the Sudano-  
Sahelian people and the continuing critical food situation in the region,

Welcoming the initiative of the Administrator to include the United Nations  
Trust Fund for Sudano-Sahelian Activities in the United Nations Pledging Conference  
for Development Activities, with a view to expanding and intensifying the  
mobilization of the resources needed for the implementation of the recovery and  
rehabilitation programme in the Sahel,

1. Notes with satisfaction the decisive role being played by the United  
Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) in helping to combat the effects of the  
drought through the mobilization of resources necessary for the implementation  
of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme of the  
States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the  
Sahel (CILSS);
2. **Takes note with satisfaction** of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region 1/;

3. **Commends the Administrator** for the results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, and for his continuing priority attention to the pressing needs of the drought-affected Sudano-Sahelian countries;

4. **Expresses its gratitude to** the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

5. **Calls upon** all Governments to make special efforts to enable the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), including through voluntary contributions to be made at the 1981 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

6. **Invites the United Nations** Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) with a view to hasten the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

7. **Requests** the Administrator to continue to enhance the capacity of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond effectively to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) through the use of resources available in the Programme, particularly the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

8. **Further requests** the Administrator to continue to report to the Governing Council on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

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